General in the Directorate of All India Radio. But these were not substantiated and therefore no action was taken.

Selection of Departments for Disinvestment

†2289. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to make disinvestment in the various departments under her Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of the departments selected for disinvestment, so far; and

(c) the basis laid down by Government for the selection of departments for disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not taken any decision regarding disinvestment of the Public Sector Undertakings under this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the (a) above.

Proposals received by Doordarshan

2290. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals received by Doordarshan are pending scrutiny for a long time;

(b) the details of such proposals;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

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(d) the steps being taken to clear those proposals in order to avoid undue delay?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that 1326 proposals under commissioned category are pending as on date. Out of these, more than 1200 proposals of commissioned programmes are pending with the Kashir Channel, since relevant document/files are being scrutinized by the CBI in connection with a case of alleged malpractices.

(d) The steps taken by Prasar Bharati to minimize delay in processing of proposals are as follows:

(i) As per the guidelines and instructions issued recently, no *suo-moto* proposals are to be received by Doordarshan.

(ii) *Suo-moto* proposals, received in the past, not required by the channels, have been/are being returned summarily.

(iii) As per guidelines issued recently, proposals are required to be disposed within a period of 8 weeks.

(iv) To minimize chances of any malpractices, antecedents of producers for Kashir Channel programmes are being verified through Ministry of Home Affairs and this process is being expedited.

Telecast from DD Relay Centre, Jashpur Nagar, M.P.

†2291. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for frequent interruption in telecast from Doordarshan Relay Centre, Jashpur Nagar, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a proposal to depute a caretaker for regular telecast from the said centre;

(c) if so, by when this post will be created; and

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